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Inmate Death at FCI Coleman's Satellite Camp

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Wednesday, July 15, 2020, inmate Saferia Johnson was evaluated by health services staff at the Satellite Prison Camp (SPC) adjacent to the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) Coleman Low for shortness of breath. She was subsequently tested, and on July 19, 2020 determined to be positive for COVID-19. On the same day, Ms. Johnson was transported to a local hospital for treatment and further evaluation. While in the hospital, Ms. Johnson's health condition deteriorated, and she was placed on a ventilator. On Monday, August 3, 2020, Ms. Johnson, who had long-term, pre-existing medical conditions, which the CDC lists as risk factors for developing more severe COVID-19 disease, was pronounced dead by hospital staff.

Ms. Johnson was a 36-year-old female who was sentenced in the Middle District of Georgia to a 46-month sentence for Conspiracy to Steal and Embezzle Public Money and Aggravated Identity Theft. She had been in custody at SPC Coleman since October 1, 2019.

SPC Coleman is a minimum security facility that currently houses 210 female offenders.

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